

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (previously cancelled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) A method for cooperative ordering of medical products over a network, comprising:

providing a database comprising information for purchasing a plurality of products;

transmitting information for at least one product to a first client from said database of products the transmitted information comprising an undiscounted price for the at least one product;

receiving from said first client a request to order said at least one product;

identifying the first client with a client set comprising multiple clients;

designating reduced pricing for the at least one product based upon a threshold quantity of the at least one product ordered by members of a given client set;

indicating a second price reduced from the undiscounted price based upon an aggregate volume of the at least one product ordered by clients comprising the client set which meets or exceeds the threshold quantity designated;

storing said request to order said at least one product;

identifying a medical procedure with the at least one product;

receiving a request from a third client to add [a] one or more additional products to the request to order received from the first client, each additional product also identified with the medical procedure; and

receiving from a second client an authorization to purchase said at least one product and the one or more additional products in a single order.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 9 [wherein the medical] additionally the step of associating the at least one product[s comprise surgical procedure products] with a particular doctor.

Claim 11 (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 9 further comprising the steps of receiving an [custom] order comprising said at least one product and another product, wherein said at least one product and said another product are both used in a single medical procedure associated with a particular doctor.

Claim 12 (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 9 wherein said network comprises the Internet.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 9 further comprising transmitting information for a second product wherein said second product is a substitute for said first product.

Claim 14 (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 9 wherein said product information comprises price information and wherein said price information [if dependent] is based upon on a customer account provided by one of said first and second clients.

Claim 15 (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 9 further comprising the step of transmitting information to [a]the ~~[[third]]~~second client indicative of the request for order by the first client.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 15 [wherein the user at] additionally comprising the step of the ~~[[third]]~~second client [may] submitting an order based on the transmitted information indicative of the request for order by the first client.

Claim 17 (previously cancelled)

Claim 18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (currently amended) A computer-readable medium bearing computer-readable instructions operative with a computer processor [for carrying out the acts as recited in claim 9] to:

provide a database comprising information for purchasing a plurality of products;
transmit information for at least one product to a first client from said database of products the transmitted information comprising an undiscounted price for the at least one product;
receive from said first client a request to order said at least one product;
identify the first client with a client set comprising multiple clients;
designate reduced pricing for the at least one product based upon a threshold quantity of the at least one product ordered by members of a given client set;
indicate a second price reduced from the undiscounted price based upon an aggregate volume of the at least one product ordered by clients comprising the client set which meets or exceeds the threshold quantity designated;
store said request to order said at least one product;
identify a medical procedure with the at least one product;
receive a request from a third client to add one or more additional products to the request to order received from the first client, each additional product also identified with the medical procedure; and
receive from a second client an authorization to purchase said at least one product.

Claim 20 (currently amended) A computerized system for cooperative ordering of medical products, the system comprising: a computer server accessible with a system access device via a communications network; and executable software stored on the server and executable on demand, the software operative with the server to cause the system execute the steps of:

~~a database comprising information for purchasing a plurality of products;~~
~~a network connection for transmitting information for at least one product from said database of products;~~
~~a network connection for receiving into a computer processor from a first client a request to order said at least one product;~~

identifying the first client with a client set comprising multiple clients;
designating reduced pricing for the at least one product based upon a threshold
quantity of the at least one product ordered by members of a given client set;
indicating a second price reduced from the undiscounted price based upon an
aggregate volume of the at least one product ordered by clients comprising the client set
which meets or exceeds the threshold quantity designated;
~~a data store for~~ storing said request to order said at least one product;
identifying a medical procedure with the at least one product;
~~a network connection for~~ receiving from a third client a request to order said at
least one additional product;
~~a data store for~~ storing said request to order said at least one additional product;
and
~~a network connection for~~ receiving from a second client an authorization to
purchase said at least one product and said at least one additional product.

Claim 21 (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 20 additionally comprising
computer instructions for receiving and storing an ~~custom~~ order comprising said at least
one product and another product, wherein said at least one product and said another
product are both used in a single medical procedure.

Claim 22 (cancelled).

Claim 23 (cancelled).